

A Proclamation for Martin Luther King Jr. Day 2024

WHEREAS, yesterday, we honored the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who dedicated his life to the values of social justice and opportunity for all; and

WHEREAS, we remember his legacy as an American hero and tireless social activist, who called upon our county to ensure equal justice under the law; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Rights movement of the 1960's has profoundly impacted the course of American history and continues to shape the direction and debate of our society; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King admonished us to love, not hate; to seek justice not revenge; to confront the violence of others with courageous acceptance, not angry violence of our own; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King encouraged Americans to come together, regardless of age, race, or creed, to strengthen their communities, to alleviate poverty, and to value the dignity and respect inherent in all people; and

WHEREAS, The Congress and the President of the United States established by law, in 1986, a national holiday to commemorate the anniversary of Dr. King's birth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tanya Graham, Mayor of the City of Ashland, Oregon, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby acknowledge Martin Luther King Jr., Day and call upon the people of Ashland to reflect upon our individual attitudes and prejudices and to establish or renew our commitments to equal justice under the law and respect for our fellow human beings. In Ashland we are Better Together.

Dated this 16th day of January 2024

Tonya Graham, Mayor

Alissa Kolodzinski, City Recorder

